

1 SENATE BILL NO. 448
2 INTRODUCED BY M. CUFFE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING RULES REGULATING UNATTENDED FIRES
5 CONDUCTED UNDER FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING
6 AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Fire hazard reduction agreement -- burn rules. (1) Before July 1,
11 2024, the department shall adopt rules that apply to fire hazard reduction agreements conducted under this part
12 and regulated pursuant to 7-33-2205.

13 (2) The rules must contain provisions that allow for a fire to be left unattended when the risk of
14 spreading is highly unlikely, including but not limited to:

- 15 (a) the presence of snow, other moisture, or forecasted moisture;
- 16 (b) no high wind warnings in the immediate forecast; and
- 17 (c) at least one site visit to ensure the risk is minimized.

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19 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
20 integral part of Title 76, chapter 13, part 4, and the provisions of Title 76, chapter 13, part 4, apply to [section 1].

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22 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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